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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS

1. ALBERT BORSCHETTE, LUXEMBOURG MEMBER OF EUROPEAN
COMMISSION, ADDRESSED QUESTION OF NEW ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
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BEFORE BELGIAN SECTION OF LIBERAL INTERNATIONALE MAY 17. BORSCHETTE CAUTIONED AGAINST TRYING TO SOLVE TOO MANY PROBLEMS IN TOO SHORT TIME. ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC, MONETARY, POLITICAL, AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS AT SAME TIME IN 1973. PARTICULARLY BEFORE PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT, HE SAID, WOULD CREATE " PACKAGE- DEAL PSYCHOSIS."

2. IN DEFENSE FIELD BORSCHETTE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT QUESTION OF BURDEN SHARING SHOULD NOT BE LINKED AT ALL COSTS TO PROBLEMS OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE BARRIERS. WHAT ESPECIALLY MUST BE AVOIDED IS SOLUTION WHICH IN LONG RUN WOULD MAKE US SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR NUCLEAR DEFENSE IN EUROPE AND EUROPEANS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE. ALTHOUGH TIME HAS NOT YET COME WHEN EUROPE CAN DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING ITS DEFENSE IN VALID AND CREDIBLE MANNER, IT IS TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT ROAD TOWARD INDEPENDENT EUROPE IS NOT COMPLETELY SEVERED.

3. MR. BORSCHETTE DECLARED THAT ALTHOUGH US MAY CONSIDER THAT EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IS NOT END IN ITSELF, THAT IS " CERTAINLY NOT THE VIEW OF THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN EUROPE AND EUROPEAN UNION. " HE THEN DEFINED FIVE ESSENTIALS FOR EUROPEAN POSITIONS DURING " YEAR OF EUROPE": -) A EUROPE WHICH IS FREE AND INDEPENDENT BUT WHICH WILL REMAIN LOYAL TO ITS ALLIES MUST BE CREATED. B) EUROPE MUST BE EQUAL PARTNER, NOT SUBORDINATE.

C) SINCE EUROPEAN UNIFICATION IS POLITICAL FACT, NOT MERELY REGIONAL ECONOMIC PHENOMENON, INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF NEW ENTITY CANNOT BE REGIONAL ONLY. D) PROBLEMS FACING COMMUNITY AND ITS MAJOR PARTNERS, ALTHOUGH TO LARGE EXTENT INTERDEPENDENT, CANNOT BE SOLVED ALL AT SAME TIME OR THROUGH SINGLE NEGOTIATION; EACH PROBLEM MUST BE DEALT WITH AND SOLVED ACCORDING TO ITS NORMAL INSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK. E)) MAJOR PROBLEMS OF 1970'S CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT HELP AND COOPERATION OF US, JAPAN, AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BUT ANY COUNTRY WHICH WISHES MUST BE ABLE TO COLLABORATE; THERE MUST BE NO QUESTION OF CREATING THREE- CORNERED ECONOMIC AND TRADE DIRECTORATE.

4. COMMENT: SINCE SPEECH WENT BEYOND HIS MANDATE AS EC UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSIONER, BORSCHETTE PRESUMABLY SPOKE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBERALS.
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